

stefan arteni

*byzantine zodiac*

*frescos*

*a visual essay*



Megistis Lavras monastery founded in the  
10<sup>th</sup> century, mount Athos

[holytrinity.faithweb.com/j2\\_M01-Lavra.html](http://holytrinity.faithweb.com/j2_M01-Lavra.html)



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Lesnovo monastery, Macedonia, 14<sup>th</sup> century <http://www.flickr.com/photos/rossitza/2785173054/>





Lesnovo monastery, Macedonia, 14<sup>th</sup> century <http://www.flickr.com/photos/rossitza/2784317513/in/set-72157606873416262/>





Detail, Lesnovo monastery, Macedonia, 14<sup>th</sup> century



Detail,  
Lesnovo  
monastery,  
Macedonia,  
14<sup>th</sup> century







Sucevița monastery, Resurrection church, Romania, 16<sup>th</sup> century, Sofronie and Ion zographers

<http://www.flickr.com/photos/glennaa/3518676298/sizes/l/in/photostream/>





Sucevița monastery, Resurrection church, Romania, 16<sup>th</sup> century, Sofronie and Ion zographers

<http://www.flickr.com/photos/chewbud/18750024/sizes/l/in/photostream/>





Sucevița monastery, Resurrection church, Romania, 16<sup>th</sup> century, Sofronie and Ion zographers





Detail, Sucevița monastery, Resurrection church, Romania, 16<sup>th</sup> century, Sofronie and Ion zographers <http://www.flickr.com/photos/becklectic/95072440/in/photostream/>





Probota  
monastery,  
St Nicholas  
church,  
Romania,  
16<sup>th</sup> century

[www.metaneira.com/probota\\_webpage/](http://www.metaneira.com/probota_webpage/)





A 17<sup>th</sup> century fresco from the Cathedral of Living Pillar in Georgia depicting the Christ within the Zodiac circle

[http://commons.wikimedia.org/wiki/File:Svetitskhoveli\\_fresco\\_-\\_Zodiac.JPG](http://commons.wikimedia.org/wiki/File:Svetitskhoveli_fresco_-_Zodiac.JPG)



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<http://www.flickr.com/photos/michaelsensor/758048990/in/photostream/>





Detail, a 17<sup>th</sup> century fresco from the Cathedral of Living Pillar in Georgia depicting the Christ within the Zodiac circle [http://upload.wikimedia.org/wikipedia/commons/9/98/Zodiac\\_and\\_the\\_Christ.jpg](http://upload.wikimedia.org/wikipedia/commons/9/98/Zodiac_and_the_Christ.jpg)







<http://www.zorbas.de/maniguide/itilo.html>

Dekoulou monastery, Itilo, Mani,  
Greece, painted in the 18<sup>th</sup> century

[picasaweb.google.com/MaxFeken/GreecePart2TheMani](http://picasaweb.google.com/MaxFeken/GreecePart2TheMani)







Dekoulou monastery, Itilo, Mani, Greece, 18<sup>th</sup> century

<http://www.flickr.com/photos/44124480148@N01/sets/72157601541306960/with/1449137879/>





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The Tower atop Zarnata and the church of the Zoodokos Pigi, Greece



The Christ in Majesty, Angels and signs of the Zodiac from the depiction of the 'Praises' (Ainoi) in the western barrel vault and St. George with his 'coffee bearer', Zoodokos Pigi, Zarnata, painted in 1787 by Anagnostes Kalliergaki of Proastio and Philippaki of Androuvitsa [www.zorbas.de/maniguide/zarnata.html](http://www.zorbas.de/maniguide/zarnata.html)





Agioi Theodoroi church, Kambos, Greece, 18<sup>th</sup> century <http://www.flickr.com/photos/monceau/3971433102/in/set-72157622326521469/>





Detail, Agioi Theodoroi church, Kambos, Greece, 18<sup>th</sup> century <http://www.flickr.com/photos/monceau/3971433984/in/faves-22631396@N07/>





Detail, Agioi Theodoroi church, Kambos, Greece, 18<sup>th</sup> century <http://www.flickr.com/photos/monceau/3970666243/in/set-72157622326521469/>



St John church,  
Platsa, Mani,  
Greece, painted in  
the 18<sup>th</sup> century?

<https://picasaweb.google.com/olivebranch2/GreeceKardamotiToAthens#>

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St John  
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Mani, Greece,  
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[www.zorbas.de/maniguide/freescoes.html](http://www.zorbas.de/maniguide/freescoes.html)

Agios Nikolaos  
Church, Kastania, Mani, Greece,  
18<sup>th</sup> century painting

<https://picasaweb.google.com/103594656817598950638/Greece2009#>







Rila monastery, Kustendil, Bulgaria <http://www.flickr.com/photos/todorkamenov/258816067/in/pool-zodiacproject>





Entrance to Megistis Lavras monastery, mount Athos, with heavenly calendar <http://www.flickr.com/photos/soulellis/5617026152/>